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Queen gives birth to baby boy

March 29 (JT)—Her Majesty Queen Haya gave birth to a baby boy at 1:30 a.m., Saturday, March 29, announced today. The royal court said the newborn prince was named Hamzah.

The Queen and her child were today

reported doing fine at King Hussein Medical Centre here.

His Majesty King Hussein married 28-year-old Lina Halaby in June 1978. Prince Hamzah has three brothers and four sisters. King Hussein also has one daughter—seven-year-old Abla—by adoption.

Regional Briefs

T, March 29 (R) — Syrian Premier Abdul Rauf Al Kasm said unidentified former Syrian political leaders of being intelligence agents helped by the Israelis. In an interview with a based Arabic weekly magazine Al Mostakbala he said the former leaders were operating out of Israel and caches with Israeli markings had been found in Syria. Dr. Kasm said authorities had proof that American intelligence was in anti-Syrian activities. "We have the proof. Leaders of Syrian political movement are operating in and in cooperation with Israel. We also have proof that they are not only using American intelligence but also serving as its agents," he said. "We have discovered Israeli weapons with markings still on them. These weapons are still in our hands and it is the first time we reveal this," Dr. Kasm said. This month President Hafez Al Assad accused the U.S. Intelligence Agency (CIA) of stirring up rioting and in northern and central Syria.

SCUS, March 29 (R) — Authorities here today warned to on the banks of the Euphrates River of a sudden rise in level, estimated at two metres. An official statement said the Dam Minister Dr. Yehya Al Khayr had urged the army to take the necessary precautions to avoid any harm result from the rise. The river flows from Turkey to the Syrian territory.

March 29 (R) — Algerian President Chadli Ben Jedid said there was a pressing need for the Arab "Solidarity and Action Front" to meet and take clear decisions concerning self-Egyptian interests. The president, addressing a press conference before flying to neighbouring North Yemen, said he was in touch with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and the Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat on the subject. He would, on his way back home, confer with leader Muammar Qaddafi before fixing a date for the summit. He said the front, the president said, Syria, Algeria, Libya, Yemen and the PLO are members of the front, which is led to meet next month. President Ben Jedid arrived in North Yemen on the fifth leg of a 10-state Arab tour, which has taken him to Jordan, Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia. The president said his talks with the South Yemen President, Mr. Fatah Ismail, had been "very positive." The Algerian also said he supported current unity talks between North and South Yemen.

March 29 (R) — South Yemen's foreign minister, Mr. Iqbal Muhammad left for Riyadh today on an official visit to the Saudi foreign minister, Prince Saud Al Faisal, on departure that he was carrying a letter from President Fatah Ismail for King Khaled. Mr. Muhammad said he discussed Palestine and international issues as well as ways of improving mutual relations.

ABAH, March 29 (R) — Australian Deputy Premier Doug Young arrived today for a three-day visit during which he is to sign a technical and economic cooperation agreement with the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the official Emirates Agency WAM said. The two countries were also expected to agree on mutual customs exemptions, WAM said. Mr. Young, who arrived from Muscat, will have talks with President Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, Prime Minister Sheikh Baid Al Maktoum and the ministers of petroleum, commerce and agriculture. The UAE is the last leg of Mr. Young's trade promotion Gulf tour, which took him to Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Oman. He will visit Malaysia next Tuesday returning home.

AIT, March 29 (R) — Bulgarian Foreign Minister Petar Mladenov arrived in Kuwait on a three-day official visit to venerate his Kuwaiti counterpart, Sheikh Sabah Al Jaber Al Sabah, the Kuwait News Agency said. The agency said Mr. Mladenov was saying his talks in Kuwait would cover the East-West conflict, Afghanistan, and ways of strengthening relations. Mr. Mladenov would meet the Emir of Kuwait, Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, tomorrow, it added.

Turkey, U.S. renew defence cooperation pact

ANKARA, March 29 (AP) — Turkey and the United States today signed a new defence cooperation agreement which assures continuing operations of 12 joint defence installations in Turkey.

The 5-year agreement, renewable yearly afterword, was signed by Turkish Foreign Minister Hacetin Erkmen and U.S. Ambassador James Spain.

In brief statements after the signing ceremony Mr. Erkmen and Mr. Spain both emphasised that the agreements reflected the military partnership of the two countries, both members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

A Turkish foreign ministry statement described the bases covered in the accord as "Turkish installations" in whose operations the United States is "allowed to participate."

Shah in good spirits after spleen removal

CAIRO, March 29 (R) — The deposed Shah of Iran was in good spirits and satisfactory condition today after an operation to remove his dangerously enlarged spleen, U.S. heart surgeon Michael DeBakey said.

Dr. DeBakey, who led a team of U.S., French and Egyptian doctors in last night's operation, disclosed at a news conference that the former Shah's spleen was found to be 10 times its normal size and was impairing his life.

The operation lasted an hour and the Shah today was "very satisfactory and various functions of his body are good," Dr. DeBakey said. "He is in good spirits and as a matter of fact he was conscious one hour after the operation."

Dr. DeBakey said the removal of the spleen would not prevent the Shah leading a normal life. The organ, which is behind the stomach, is involved in forming and purifying blood but is not considered essential to life.

He said the Shah was under intensive care and would be well enough to leave hospital in 10 days' time. He expected no complications.

Egypt's parliament later reaffirmed a vote last July backing President Sadat's decision to grant the Shah asylum — but the debate brought fresh attacks on the move from opposition members.

Socialist Labour Party leader Ibrahim Shukri repeated his party's opposition to the Shah's presence, saying: "How could we receive or welcome the Shah after he was condemned by the Iranian people for the numerous crimes he has committed against them?"

Asks Begin to resign 'Peace Now' protests settlement in Hebron

Tel Aviv, March 29 (AP) — Several thousand Israelis massed along two main highways today protesting the government decision to settle Jews in the occupied Arab city of Hebron and calling on Prime Minister Menachem Begin to resign.

"Peace Now", a loose confederation of Israelis who oppose the government's settlement policy, called the protest in response to last week's cabinet decision to build two live-in schools in Hebron, the first authorised Jewish presence in a West Bank city.

Small groups of demonstrators gathered at junctions along the Tel Aviv-Haifa coastal road and the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway. According to the state radio, drivers honked horns in support of the protest, while others shouted criticism and stopped their cars to argue with the demonstrators.

Mr. Begin dismissed the protest several days before but was

The demonstration was organised by the moderate "Peace Now" movement, which issued a statement saying "the public must realise the government has reached the end of the road."

quoted as telling a television interviewer that even if 50,000 people massed, they would represent only two seats in the 120-member parliament.

Meanwhile, Israeli authorities, bracing for a wave of Arab protests expected tomorrow, set up checkpoints throughout the West Bank to keep suspected Palestinian activists out of the main towns.

Traffic jams were reported on main roads in the West Bank as troops stopped cars to check the passengers. A military spokesman said there were no incidents today, but added, "we want to prevent any attempts to disturb the quiet."

Sunday is the fourth anniversary of a series of violent clashes between soldiers and Israeli Arabs protesting government land seizures that left six Arabs dead. The anniversary, dubbed "Day of the Land," has been marked by protests against Israeli land policy and memorial services for the six Arabs killed in the demonstrations. (See page 3).

The "Peace Now" demonstrators called on Mr. Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to compromise during their meeting next month with President Carter in Washington. But in a stinging statement against Mr. Begin's policy, the group noted that the Hebron decision was approved by only eight of the 18 cabinet ministers.

"How can he (Mr. Begin) possibly convince Carter and Sadat and the community of nations of the justice of his claim if he cannot convince his own nation?" the statement said. "This is a government cut off from the people of Israel, imprisoned by an ideology of 'Greater Israel' which threatens to lead us to perpetual war."

Most of the demonstrators carried signs, while more placards were tacked up along the roads. They called on Mr. Begin to quit and for the government to divert money from settlements to build hospitals inside Israel. Many signs carried a one-word message: "enough."

White House denies Carter sent letter to Iran's Khomeini

WASHINGTON, March 29 (Agencies) — The White House today denied that President Carter had sent a letter to Iran's revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini admitting past mistakes in U.S. policy.

"The president has sent no message to Khomeini or anyone else," White House Press Secretary Jody Powell told reporters.

Mr. Powell said he did not know the origin of the message which was carried by Iran's official Pars News Agency earlier today.

Pars quoted the president as saying he was prepared to set up a joint commission to solve the U.S.-Iranian crisis as soon as the hostages being held by militants at the U.S. embassy in Tehran were transferred to Iranian government control.

Mr. Powell refused to call the message a hoax, but administration officials pointed out there have been similar false messages issued in Iran since the embassy was seized on Nov. 4.

The militants are holding 50 Americans as hostage in the embassy and demanding the return of the deposed Shah of Iran, who is now in Egypt recovering from an operation yesterday for removal of his spleen.

Mr. Powell said Mr. Carter was considering new action to take towards Iran but no decisions had been made.

There have been reports that the United States would impose a trade embargo against Iran as part of moves to increase pressure on the Iranian government to release the hostages.

"The president is considering additional actions or steps," Mr. Powell said, but he would not say when these steps would be announced.

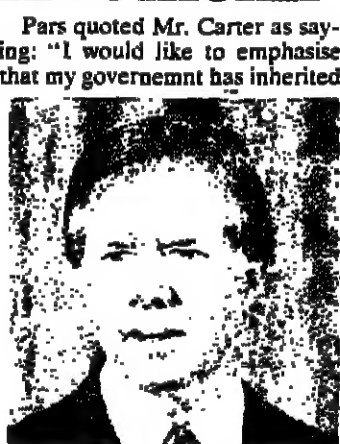
In the message, published by Ayatollah Khomeini's office through the Pars agency, Mr. Carter was reported to have said: "As soon as the important question of transferring the hostages to the Iranian government is solved, we are ready to follow a reasonable and friendly course for resolving the many problems between both sides."

"Creating a joint commission as the means of investigating the questions of both sides has been recommended to us. We are ready to accept this idea."

Mr. Carter's message, said to be dated March 26, was the first from the American president to Ayatollah Khomeini since the U.S. embassy was seized.

The message spoke of American democracy's ability to recognise its mistakes and condemn them, according to Pars.

Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbazzadeh told Reuters in Tehran tonight he had seen the message. Asked if it might help to resolve the five-month old U.S.-Iranian crisis, he said: "I hope so, yes."



President Carter

a very sensitive international situation which is the result of policy and other conditions...which made us all make mistakes in the past.

The message was issued on the Pars Farsi service and no English text was immediately available.

The message added: "I can very well realise that the occupation of our embassy in Tehran could have been considered a reasonable reaction by the youth of Iran but as time goes on have serious reason for doubting the real motives of those who have occupied our embassy."

The occupation of the embassy today creates fundamental problems for your government and our government. As a result it has become a factor of disagreement which has prevented a resolution of the recent crisis."

The message said the United States had proved its commitment to the principles of national sovereignty and self-determination in Nicaragua, Afghanistan, "or even the probable danger to the sovereignty of Yugoslavia."

It was prompted by Mr. Carter's reading of Ayatollah Khomeini's March 21 address to the Iranian people in which he attacked the Soviet Union for its intervention in Afghanistan, according to the Pars text.

"In your message you have made clear your position on international policy...I agree that international peace requires new relationships between governments, especially respect for the sovereignty of nations and the right of people to self-determination," the Carter message said.

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Arafat confirms Kabul asked him to mediate conflict with Tehran

NEW DELHI, March 29 (R) — Mr. Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), confirmed today that Afghanistan had asked him to mediate between Kabul and neighbouring Iran, which backs Muslim rebels fighting the Soviet-backed Afghan government.

Mr. Arafat, addressing a press conference on the second day of a three-day official visit here, was asked to comment on a report in the Beirut newspaper As Safir this week that the Kabul government of Babrak Karmal had made such a request. He confirmed the report, saying the request had been passed on to him by the PLO representative among a group of international lawyers who visited Afghanistan earlier this month.

Mr. Arafat was also asked if he had brought specific proposals for solving the Afghan issue in his talks yesterday with Premier Indira Gandhi.

"I don't have specific proposals but we discussed the Afghan issue in the framework of discussing international problems as this is very important to both of us," he said.

Asked whether he supported Mrs. Gandhi's view that Soviet troops should be withdrawn from Afghanistan, Mr. Arafat said they did not discuss the question of withdrawal. But he said he supported diplomatic steps taken by India to settle the Afghan question. "We look to our Soviet friends through this angle," he said.

Asked if he was concerned about the situation of Muslims in Afghanistan, Mr. Arafat said he wondered "why the Americans should be so concerned about Islam in Afghanistan when they were against the ayatollah in Iran."

On the question of President Anwar Sadat giving the deposed Shah of Iran asylum in Egypt, Mr. Arafat pointed to demonstrations by Egyptians against the former monarch when he arrived in Cairo. "We do not forget that the Shah was an ally of the Israelis and a friend of the U.S.," Mr. Arafat said.

"He was hostile to the Arab cause in general and in particular to the Palestinian cause. This step is first against the Egyptian people as well as against the interests of all other people."

Mr. Arafat added that he was looking with great worry and anxiety "at the buildup of U.S. warships in the Indian Ocean and the Gulf."

"What does this military parade mean? No doubt this must be considered a danger and affect directly our Palestinian cause and also directly affect the security of our Arab nation," he said.

Mr. Arafat said India's move earlier this week in giving full diplomatic status to the PLO mission in New Delhi "will give a great push forward to the Palestinian cause towards victory."

He said Austria, Spain and Portugal had also given the Palestinians backing, and important statements had been made by countries such as Britain and France recently about the rights of the Palestinian people. "We look forward to more practical steps in this direction," Mr. Arafat said.

Somalia agrees 'in principle' to give U.S. military facilities

MOGADISHU, March 29 (R) — Somali President Mohammad Siad Barre said his government had agreed in principle to offer the United States naval and air facilities in the Horn of Africa state.

Speaking at a meeting yesterday, the president said talks between the United States and Somalia were still in progress and no written agreement had yet been reached.

After the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan the United States approached Somalia, Kenya and Oman for access to military facilities in the event of an emergency in the Gulf or Indian Ocean region.

Western diplomats in the Somali capital said United States military technicians had examined the former Soviet base at Berbera, which is strategically situated on the Gulf of Aden.

Berbera was used as a submarine, maintenance and communications base by the Soviet navy until Somalia broke its friendship treaty with Moscow in November 1977.

The Soviet Union then threw its full weight behind Ethiopia in the war in the disputed Ogaden region of eastern Ethiopia and the Somali army was crushed by the Addis Ababa forces backed by some 18,000 Cubans and Soviet weaponry.

The Berbera base has a five kilometre runway, a dockyard and a housing complex.

The sources said it was possible the U.S. would provide defensive weapons for the Somali army to

protect the base facilities and might also supply similar weapons for the defence of Mogadishu.

Somalia has claimed a series of raids on border towns and villages by Ethiopian fighter-bombers, but the Addis Ababa government has denied this.

President Siad Barre told the huge crowd at the Chinese-built Mogadishu stadium yesterday that the raids showed Somali guerrillas fighting in the disputed Ogaden region of eastern Ethiopia had intensified their armed struggle.

He said the guerrillas of the Western Somali Liberation Front (WSLF) had killed thousands of Ethiopian soldiers in the fighting.

He added that Somali regular forces were not involved in the fighting for the arid, ethnically Somali region.



Mohammad Siad Barre

He urged Somalis to help refugees from Ethiopia who, he said, now numbered one-and-a-half million. Somalia has accused Ethiopia of driving the ethnically Somali population from eastern Ethiopia so as to deprive the guerrilla forces of support.

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Municipality to sign contract today for repairing 200 kms. of Amman's roads

By Sara O'Neill
 Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, March 29 -- The appalling state of many of Amman's roads may soon be nothing more than a bad memory.

The poor patching up of the worst potholes and trenches now being carried out by municipality maintenance teams is about to be replaced by an intensive repair scheme to be executed to a high professional standard throughout the city.

Tomorrow Amman Municipality will sign a joint contract with three major local contracting companies to carry out maintenance work on some 200 kilometres of the city's road network.

The work is to be carried out over the next six months and will cover an area equal to that of two

thirds of the roads which have fallen into disrepair, a source at the municipality said today. Roads whose bad condition effects traffic in congested areas will be given priority.

The three firms are the National Engineering Company, the General Contracting Company and the Tripartite Construction Company. The contract, with a total value of JD 1.5 million -- which is expected to be increased later to JD 1.8 million -- is to be divided equally between the companies, whose work will consist primarily of resurfacing the roads. An estimated 180,000 tons of asphalt mix will be needed (60,000 tons per contractor) using a daily average of 400 tons each.

Technical teams from the municipality are currently making inspection tours of each area with the contractors to choose those roads which are to be repaired and

to identify the cause of each road having fallen into a bad state of repair.

Lack of quality control in building and maintaining roads in the past is at the bottom of all today's problems. One municipality engineer identified three main causes for the problems. One or more of these is responsible for the breakdown of each road.

First of all, a number of roads were either originally built or resurfaced (or both) very quickly and at low cost without due attention to either the quality of materials used or to the design. The aggregate in many cases was not up to international specifications and contained very bad abrasion characteristics (abrasion is surface resistance to friction).

To remedy this, each of the three contractors have been asked to submit their own design mix for asphalt which will be controlled by

both Amman Municipality and the Royal Scientific Society, which will carry out quality tests. The municipality's laboratories have had new equipment installed in order to conduct these tests more efficiently than in the past.

The second dimension of the problem is the lack of surface water drainage which, coupled with Amman's steep hills has resulted in storm water cutting up many of the roads. Surface drainage networks together with the correct levelling of manholes will be dealt with concurrently with the resurfacing, but under a separate contract yet to be awarded, the municipality source said. The Amman Water and Sewerage Authority (AWSA) will assist in the execution of these projects.

Finally, the third cause of road damage is government and private agencies digging up roads to install pipes and cables but failing to refill

and resurface the road correctly.

Here again lack of coordination between the various parties in the past and lack of supervision are at the root of the problem. The new mayor, Mr. Isam Ajlouni, has brought into the municipality a team of some 35 young engineers in the last 2 months. A group of them will coordinate with technical representatives of other agencies such as AWSA and the Telecommunications Corporation to supervise correct refilling and resurfacing of the roads in the future.

Sharaf heads talks on Israeli encroachment on Arab land

AMMAN, March 29 (JNA) -- Israeli settlements and projects aimed against the holy places, heritage and Arab-Islamic presence in the occupied territories were the topic of a lengthy discussion chaired by the prime minister today.

After a tour of sections of the Bureau for Occupied Territories Affairs, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf met with its director, Mr. Shawkat Mahmoud, and a number of ministers. They included Minister of State for Occupied Territories Affairs, Mr. Hassan Ibrahim; Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Qasem Al Rimawi and the Minister of State for Prime Minister Affairs, Mr. Suleiman Arar.

In their discussion, described as "comprehensive," the five men talked about conditions of the residents of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and considered ways of bolstering their steadfastness in the face of mounting Israeli encroachment on their land and holy places.

The group took a number of decisions for supporting the Arab presence in the occupied territories. No details were given on the decisions.

Last week during a meeting of the Higher Committee for Occupied Territories Affairs, procedures were organised that will enable the bureau to carry out its duties in the best possible way. No further details were made available.

IBRD lends municipal bank \$10m

AMMAN, March 29 (JNA) -- The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) -- the World Bank -- today agreed to lend Development Bank Municipalities and Vill Councils (DBMVC) \$10 million.

The loan will be used to improve educational, health and water services and increase business income through investment in markets, houses, slaughter houses, irrigation projects and roads. Part of the loan will be used to increase the bank's capital and use some of the loan technical assistance to a training programme for employees. The loan will also be used to secure administrative consultants and to begin a study on how to increase the size of the DBMVC's projects, which will bring a quick return. The loan will be repaid in 17 years with a four-year period.

Czechoslovak agrees to buy 100,000 tons of phosphates from Jordan

AMMAN, March 29 (JT) -- Prospects for increased Jordanian phosphates to Czechoslovakia, outlined in a trade and economic cooperation agreement signed here have started to materialise. A sales team of the Phosphate Mines Company has just returned to Amman concluding an agreement for the Czechoslovak government to buy 100,000 tonnes of phosphate rock from Jordan.

The deal will be worth 1.5 million, compared to last year's JD 64,000, which was sold to Czechoslovakia.

Local News Briefs

AMMAN, March 29 (JNA) -- Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Marwan Al Qasem today met in his office with the director of UNRWA affairs in Jordan, Mr. John Tanner, to review UNRWA's financial difficulties and UNRWA's recent announcement that it would have to stop financing schools in Jordan and Syria from Aug. 1 unless it received \$15.5 million in additional contributions by the end of June 1980.

AMMAN, March 29 (JT) -- The Syrian-Jordanian Company for Industry today signed a contract with the Italian firm Snam Progetti (Textile Engineering Division) by which the latter will carry out a feasibility study for setting up a carpet factory in Jordan or in Syria. The contract provides for the Milan-based firm to finish the study in five months. The contract was signed for the Syrian-Jordanian company by its director Mr. Khaled Najdawi and for the Italian firm by its director Mr. Roberto Piatoli, who is now visiting Jordan.

AMMAN, March 29 (JNA) -- The President of the Federation of Arab News Agencies, Mr. Barjes Al Barjes, and the secretary general of the federation, Dr. Farid Yiyar, arrived in Amman yesterday for a two-day visit to Jordan. They will meet with the Minister of Information, Dr. Sa'id Taji, and the Director General of the Jordan News Agency, Mr. Yousef Abu Leil, to discuss the possibility of holding a seminar in Amman to review Zionist propaganda and its infiltration of western news media. They will also discuss means of promoting a seminar on cooperation in the exchange of news between Arab and European news agencies which is scheduled to be held in Vienna in May 1980. Mr. Barjes is director general of the Kuwait News Agency.

AMMAN, March 29 (JNA) -- A spokesman for the Public Security Directorate said today that a total of 23 incidents occurred in Jordan in the past 24 hours, resulting in the death of three people and the injury of 10 others. Among these, he said, there were 10 road accidents and four cases of food poisoning.

AMMAN, March 29 (JNA) -- A delegation from the Jordan Cooperative Organisation left for Baghdad today to take part in a conference on solidarity with farmers in the occupied Arab territories. The conference will last six days.

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ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: The U.N. Security Council is due to meet on Monday, at the request of the chairman of the Palestinian Rights Committee, to debate the committee's findings which call for the right of the Palestinian people to decide their future and establish an independent Palestinian state. This meeting comes only weeks after the Security Council's resolution calling for the dismantling of Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories, including Jerusalem.

In the light of America's current domestic political considerations and President Carter's apology to Israel in which he emphasised his opposition to the Palestinian's right to establish a state in its own land, it becomes apparent that the U.S. administration will take the opportunity of the convening of the Security Council to "prove" its "faithfulness" to Israel by vetoing any relevant draft resolution. Consequently, the American stand before the Security Council on Monday may give the U.S. administration Jewish votes that will help in the elections, but at the expense of Palestinian rights. That government will increase the feeling of bitterness in the Arab world towards American practices.

AL DUSTOUR: On the fourth anniversary of the Day of the Land we realise that the cruelty of the Zionist enemy in settling in the occupied Arab territories has escalated and is threatening to increase its settlements within the Arab towns themselves, as in Hebron.

After Jordan exposed the Jewish settlement designs, and achieved international support for its stand against them, it became clear to the world community that the Arab-Israeli conflict was rotating around Arab land, and that Israel is not concerned about peace, but rather about expansion into that land.

The battle over land requires that the Arab people and government rise above the organising of demonstrations, strikes and the issuing of statements. They need to mobilise their energies and forces to liberate the land. Our celebration of this occasion should be used to remind ourselves of the sanctity of our land which is the trust of our ancestors and the mainstay of our history and culture.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibition

The photo and poster exhibition on "Advanced Technology" in France continues at the French Cultural Centre. Open during regular hours.

Architecture Exhibition

The Department of Culture and Arts, in cooperation with the Embassy of India, presents an exhibition commemorating the 15th century of the Hijra on Islamic architecture in India. The exhibition opens officially on Monday at 5:30 at the Art Gallery, Ministry of Culture and Youth.

Art Exhibition

The Goethe Institute, in cooperation with the Department of Culture and Arts, presents an exhibition of paintings, drawings, prints, ceramics and sculpture by the students of the Fine Arts Centre. The official opening is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday.

Fashion Exhibition

The Jordan Intercontinental Hotel presents a photo exhibition of the latest French fashions. Starting at 6:00 p.m.

سكاي ميديا

Sunday is Day of the Land

March 29 (JT) — Sunday anniversary of the Land, which honours resistance to Israel's appropriating Arab and forcing Arabs to live in the occupied and Gaza Strip as well as day of solidarity between the occupied territories and their brethren in the occupied territories. The day was marked by demonstrations in the occupied territories and in the West Bank. In the occupied territories, the day was marked by demonstrations in the occupied territories and in the West Bank. In the occupied territories, the day was marked by demonstrations in the occupied territories and in the West Bank.

Council meets to consider an Arab-sponsored resolution affirming Palestinian rights to self-determination and an independent state in their homeland. In a telephone conversation with the Jordan Times, exiled Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. Rouhi Al Khatib, said: "The past year resulted in several casualties among our people whom we consider martyrs. Sacrificing is part of our determination to regain our homeland. "Every one of us is feeling threatened by the long series of confiscations of our land by the Israelis in the occupied areas. Our people are anxious to express their feeling by demonstrating and appealing to world opinion, the U.N. General Assembly, and sup-



Mr. Rouhi Al Khatib, Mayor of Jerusalem, calls for the urgent attention of the world to the situation in the occupied territories.

portness of the Israeli policy of robbing us of our land, which is our sacred homeland. "We and our brethren all over the Arab World will never give up these efforts to gain the serious attention of the Security Council, which is scheduled to meet on Monday, and the General Assembly, as well as the American people, who are not aware of the continuous violations of human rights in Palestine by Israel, which the American government is mistakenly supporting in violation of the principles which America upholds. These are principles relating to human rights which President Carter, on assuming his post, vehemently declared he would support. But we Palestinians seen that he is working contrary to what he says."

Jerusalem mayor protests closure of holy city's only Arab college

NOTE: The following is a rebuttal of the argument by the Israeli military administration of the West Bank for closing down the only institute of higher learning in Arab Jerusalem this month. The article was written by the exiled Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. Rouhi Al Khatib.

Received from our Arab citizens of Jerusalem confirms the Israeli Military Governor of the occupied areas, Sumayyah Sa'ad Al Din Alami, the Mufti and Shari'a Court of Jerusalem, in his capacity as chairman of the Board of the Abu Dis Arab Science College situated on the outskirts of Jerusalem, as well as Dr. Ahmad Su'aidan, President of the college, to his office on March 16, 1980, and conveyed to the commander-in-chief of the Israeli Armed Forces in the occupied areas to close down the Abu Dis Arab Science College within a period of two weeks, and to transfer the college to the existing Arab universities in the West Bank. The reason for this decision, according to the Israeli authorities, is that there is no need for the Abu Dis Arab Science College of Jerusalem, in view of the fact that there are in the occupied West Bank area three Arab universities, twelve polytechnic institutions in which about 12,000 students are enrolled. These institutions, in the view of the Israeli authorities, are able to absorb students from the district.

The Abu Dis Arab Science College, the latest victim of the Israeli policy of Judaization of Jerusalem, was originally established in 1966, prior to the military occupation of East Jerusalem by the Israeli forces in June, 1967, as a charitable cultural society formed in 1957 in Kuwait by Arab citizens of Kuwait and other Arab nationals resident in the West Bank for the purpose of establishing a number of academic institutions in the fields of science and technology. The college has been the need for such academies is most urgent. The college was established to meet the urgent need for such an institution in the West Bank.

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The Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba, with its concrete apartment blocks, stands out in sharp contrast to the historic town of Hebron. Hebron this year is the focus of world attention because of the decision by the Begin cabinet to allow Jews to move into the Arab town.

Israel bans Day of the Land meetings

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM. March 29 (R)—Israel stepped up internal security measures today in preparation for the fourth anniversary tomorrow of protest demonstrations by Arabs against expropriation of their land. Movement in the West Bank was restricted and roadblocks were set up around the major Arab cities. A general strike has been called to commemorate the death of six Arabs killed by Israeli troops in Galilee in 1976.

Military sources said Day of the Land demonstrations on the West Bank would be banned tomorrow. Security forces yesterday arrested 30 Arabs who had gathered in East Jerusalem to protest against land expropriation and plans to settle Jews in the all-Arab West Bank town of Hebron.

The detainees were released this morning. The demonstration yesterday was attended by both Arabs living in Israel and Palestinians from the West Bank, illustrating a growing cooperation between the two communities in their opposition to Israel's policies.

The military sources said Palestinian leaders would be ordered to remain in their towns for the day to prevent them leading protest marches such as those which occurred last year in several West Bank centres.

Demonstrations in Israeli Arab villages have been organised by the dominant political bodies, primarily the Rakah communist party and the Abna Al Balad (Sons of the Village) nationalist movement.

The latter, gaining increased popularity among the 500,000-strong Arab community in Israel,

was established soon after the 1976 Day of the Land demonstrations which were the most violent and wide-spread in the history of Israel.

The Arabs have been angered by continued expropriation of their land, mainly in Galilee, authorised by the government to promote a Jewish presence in the area.

Bedouin tribesmen from the southern Negev desert are also expected to attend this year's commemoration of land on which Israel intends to build two air bases in place of those to be abandoned in the Sinai Peninsula under the peace treaty with Egypt.

Indignation has been running high among Palestinians on the West Bank since the government decision last Sunday to establish Jewish residential educational institutions in Hebron.

The plan was announced at a time when three-way negotiations between Israel, Egypt and the United States on granting autonomy to the Palestinians were moving more slowly than ever. A target date of May 26 has been set for conclusion of the talks.

Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza Strip have rejected the autonomy plan envisaged in the Camp David accords. They believe that autonomy, especially the Israeli version of it which offered them only limited liberties, would serve as a perpetuation of the Israeli occupation.

An they point out that the recent Israeli moves in the West Bank, including the Hebron decision and the establishment of 36 Jewish settlements since Mr. Begin came to power in 1977, support their claim.



An Israeli patrol in the holy city of Jerusalem.

TODAY'S WEATHER

It will be partly cloudy with normal temperatures for this time of year. Winds will be westerly moderate. In Agaba there will be moderate winds and calm seas.

	Overnight	Daytime
Amman	8	17
Agaba	12	27
Deserts	8	20
Jordan Valley	12	28

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	307.50/309.50
U.K. sterling	670.20/674.20
West German mark	159.20/160.20
Swiss franc	167.90/168.90
French franc	68.90/69.30
Italian lire (for every 100)	34.40/34.60
Japanese yen (for every 100)	123.30/124.00
Dutch guilder	145.70/146.60
Swedish crown	69.00/69.40
Belgian franc	99.30/99.90

Rouhi Al Khatib
Mayor of Jerusalem
(in exile)

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Arab Union Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	500	1,700	1,700	1,700
Arabian Development and Investment	JD 2,000	1000	1,460	1,460	1,460
Islamic Bank	JD 1,000	324	2,620	2,620	2,620
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	15108	1,550	1,500	1,500
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	2475	2,260	2,190	2,190
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	5440	1,500	1,450	1,500
Jordan National Bank	JD 5,000	10	14,300	14,300	14,300
Arab Bank Co.	JD 10,000	135	125,000	125,000	125,000
Cairo-Amman Bank	JD 5,000	95	14,300	14,240	14,240
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	900	3,300	3,300	3,300
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	2000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Arab Company for Aluminium Industries	JD 1,000	500	1,670	1,670	1,670
Arab Company for Paper Manufacture and Production	JD 1,000	3300	1,010	1,010	1,010
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	906	2,160	2,160	2,160
International Construction and Investment	JD 1,000	1500	1,050	1,040	1,040
Mas for Blades Manufacture	JD 1,000	50	0,800	0,800	0,800
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 10,000	40	21,000	21,000	21,000
Jordan Ceramic Industries Co.	JD 1,000	490	1,300	1,300	1,300
Jordan Paper and Cardboard Factories Co.	JD 1,000	3000	1,300	1,300	1,300
Jordan Phosphate Mines Co.	JD 1,000	217	3,350	3,350	3,350
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	892	10,200	10,200	10,200
Jordan Glass Factories Co.	JD 1,000	200	0,980	0,980	0,980

Total Volume Traded on Saturday, March 29, 1980: JD 83,617
Total number of shares traded: 39,082

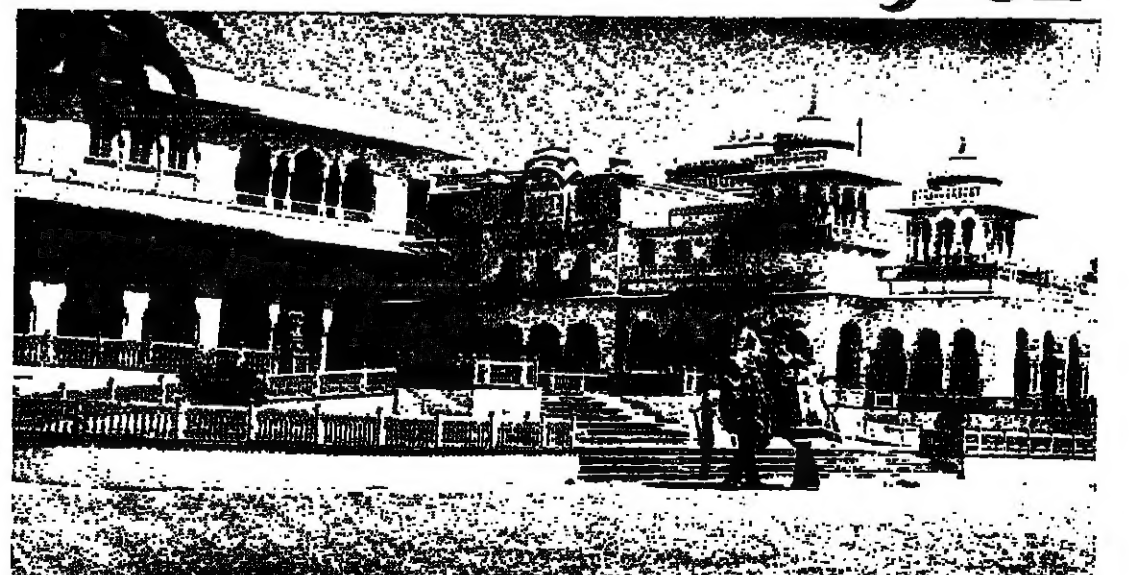
Government Development Bonds

Year of Maturity	Par Value	Number Traded	Volume Traded	High	Low
1988	JD 10,000	50	503	10,060	10,060
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Total Volume Traded Saturday, March 29, 1980: JD 1,204
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Carter programme causes frustrations

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP)—With each passing day, more doubts surface whether U.S. President Jimmy Carter's new anti-inflation programme is the right medicine for the ailing economy, or whether the administration's latest attempt is already being swept away by events.

One problem that seemingly distresses everyone who observes Carter's programme is that, weeks after he announced a revision in his proposed 1981 budget, the centre-piece of his anti-inflation strategy has still not been completed.

On March 14, after two weeks of intensive negotiations with congress, he announced that the budget would be balanced — indeed, would show a sizeable surplus. Now, the details are scheduled to be announced Monday.

One official close to the trimming exercise admits he is "frustrated" at the lengthy debate every contemplated change produces. Congressmen who support the programme say the lack of a quick follow-up has left them disappointed as well.

House Budget Committee Chairman Robert N. Giannino, directing his criticism at congress as well as the administration, said Thursday: "Our economy is in precarious shape. We have to

move quickly. ...If we can't move expeditiously and courageously in congress, let's say so."

Nowhere are doubts about the president's latest programme more obvious than in the nation's financial markets.

Along New York's Wall Street there is a lack of confidence that the programme has the punch needed to correct the economy's ills. In the two weeks since Carter unveiled his plan's broad outline: --The Dow Jones industrial stock average has fallen 48 points to Thursday's close of 760.

--Bond prices have dropped further while interest rates have continued to climb.

--The plunge in silver prices from a January high of more than \$50 an ounce to under \$11 on Thursday is producing deep concern at the Treasury department, said an official who asked to remain anonymous. There is concern, as well, he said, over the latest decline in bond prices.

Financial analysts are concerned that Carter's programme will bring on a recession, because of high interest rates and tight credit, while doing little to restrain inflation, running about 18 per cent so far this year. Criticism that Carter has been unable to act promptly on economic problems, or do what he says he will do, has arisen almost from the time he took office and reversed himself

on the \$50 tax rebate he had once promised every American.

To some critics, such as Barry Bosworth, the former director of Carter's anti-inflation agency, the president has consistently underestimated the danger of inflation with the result that his plans for dealing with it have always been a step behind. "The one constant element has been that each successive round of government policy has consistently underestimated the magnitude of the problem. Each failure contributes to a loss of public confidence that the government can solve the problems, thereby reducing the probability that future policies will succeed," he says in a new study.

Carter's latest anti-inflation programme is his fourth. And Treasury Secretary G. William Miller said Thursday the president can be expected to come up with more measures as the problem requires.

Carter did not promise overnight success from the latest programme, of course, and not everybody thinks Carter's programme is misdirected. It has received support from several congressional leaders, but individual parts of the plan are being criticized.

The oil import fee Carter said he will impose to drive up the price of gasoline and reduce oil consumption was the target of a sur-

prise manoeuvre by several congressmen Thursday to block money for administering the fee.

The credit controls he proposed to sharply curtail consumer borrowing, have drawn fire from Arthur Burns, the highly respected former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. Burns joined other critics who say the Carter programme will result in a deeper recession than has been anticipated and that inflation will be worse in the long run.

N.Y. stock market rocked by silver crisis

NEW YORK March 29 (AP)—After the events of the past few days, some Wall Streeters might be just as happy if the word "silver" weren't spoken in their presence for a while. But it will be some time before the last is heard of the silver crisis that rocked the stock and commodity markets, the wealthy Hunt family of Dallas and the Wall Street firm Bache Group this past week.

The biggest jolt came Thursday

afternoon amid forced selling of huge amounts of silver the Hunts had accumulated, financing their purchases in part with loans from Bache and other brokerage firms. After soaring from \$6 an ounce a year ago to about \$50 by January, silver prices suddenly lapsed into a decline, apparently putting the Hunts in a bind. Not only were their profits rapidly disappearing, but the silver they owned was losing value as collateral on their

loans. At the middle of this past week, Bache said it issued a "margin call" to the Hunts requesting more than \$100 million worth of additional collateral. When the Hunts didn't respond immediately, Bache began selling silver to cover the debt.

That selling accelerated the decline in the silver price, driving it down to \$10.8 late Thursday from \$15.8 the day before in New

York. Yesterday it edged back up to \$12.

The stock market also nosedived briefly to its lowest level in five years. It quickly rebounded in the final minutes of Thursday's session, and continued to rally sharply yesterday.

For the week, however, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks still posted its seventh straight weekly loss with a net decline of 7.50 to 777.65. The New York Stock Exchange composite index dropped 1.42 to 56.82, and the American Stock Exchange market value index tumbled 23.89 to 228.89. Big Board volume averaged 46.16 million shares a day, against 37.14 million the week before.

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, MAR. 30, 1980

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day to study how you can best enhance your various duties so that later in the week you will be able to get the results you want. Also, make long-range plans for the future.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Handle practical affairs in the home and make this a most productive day. Be sure to show more cooperation with family members.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Take needed treatments to improve your health. Contact good friends and bring more happiness into their lives.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Study the tenets that will bring you more inspiration and success in the future. Try to be of greater service to others now.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Take care of any personal affairs in a most precise manner. Relax tonight and plan for the new week ahead.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Being more objective in your thinking is wise now. You can easily clear up a condition at home now by taking quick action.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Attend to those services that give you peace of mind. See what you can do about pleasing your true friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Find the right way to gain personal aims during daytime. Your mate could be in a bad mood now, but be patient and this will pass.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Get busy in obtaining the information that will be helpful to you in the future. Be objective and get excellent results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Take time to show appreciation to those who have been loyal to you in the past. Be sure to improve your appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Sidestep pleasures that are too costly for your pocketbook. Strive to have increased harmony with family members.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Find the right ethical philosophy by which to regulate your life. This is not the right time to pursue a new project.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Using your intuition more than usual can bring excellent results now. Express happiness with the one you love.



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